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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 BRIDGETTE DOUGHERTY,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 SANOFI US SERVICES INC, et al.,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C23-5982JLR

ORDER

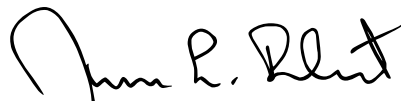
15 On October 30, 2023, this matter was transferred to the Western District of  
16 Washington from MDL 16-2740 in the Eastern District of Louisiana. (10/30/23 Transf.  
17 Order (Dkt. # 6).) The Clerk issued a case opening letter instructing counsel for all  
18 parties to “associate local counsel in this district” and complete an application for leave to  
19 appear *pro hac vice*. (10/30/23 Letter (Dkt. # 8).) On January 4, 2024, the court issued  
20 an initial scheduling order, which directed the parties to file a combined joint status  
21 report (“JSR”) and discovery plan no later than February 8, 2024. (1/4/24 Sched. Order  
22 (Dkt. # 10).)

1 To date, counsel for Plaintiff Bridgette Dougherty, John Christopher Elliott, has  
2 neither associated local counsel nor applied for leave to appear *pro hac vice*. (See JSR  
3 (Dkt. # 15) at 9, 11 (identifying Mr. Elliott as counsel for Ms. Dougherty); *see generally*  
4 Dkt.) Mr. Elliott therefore has not complied with the instructions set forth in the case  
5 opening letter. The court further notes that on February 8, 2024, counsel for Defendants  
6 Sanofi-Aventis US LLC and Sanofi US Services Inc. timely filed a JSR. (See *generally*  
7 JSR.) Although Mr. Elliott has not yet appeared in this case and is not currently admitted  
8 to practice in this district, he apparently participated in preparing the JSR and signed the  
9 JSR with the note “*Pro Hac Vice Forthcoming*.” (*Id.* at 11.) Again, no such application  
10 has been made. (See *generally* Dkt.)

11 In light of the foregoing, the court ORDERS counsel for Ms. Dougherty to  
12 associate local counsel and apply for leave to appear *pro hac vice* by no later than **March**  
13 **12, 2024**. Failure to timely comply with this order will result in Ms. Dougherty  
14 proceeding *pro se* in this matter and Mr. Elliott being sanctioned for the unauthorized  
15 practice of law in the Western District of Washington.

16 The Clerk is DIRECTED to mail a copy of this order to Mr. Elliott. (See JSR  
17 (Dkt. # 15) at 11 (providing counsel’s name and contact information).)

18 Dated this 1st day of March, 2024.

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20 JAMES L. ROBART  
21 United States District Judge  
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